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## NJ 00568

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Honorable Brendan T. Byrne  
Governor of New Jersey  
Trenton, New Jersey 08621

Dear Governor Byrne:

Inclosed is the Phase I Inspection Report for Rockafellows Mill Dam in Hunterdon County, New Jersey which has been prepared under authorization of the Dam Inspection Act, Public Law 92-367. A brief statement of the dam's condition is given in the front of the report.

Based on visual inspection, available records, calculations and past operational performance, Rockafellows Mills Dam, initially listed as a high hazard potential structure but reduced to a low hazard potential structure as a result of this inspection, is judged to be in fair overall condition. However, the spillways are considered inadequate, as 5 percent of the 100 year design flood would cause the dam to be overtopped. The low hazard potential classification means that in the event of failure of the dam, no loss of life and only minimal economic loss is expected. For the same reasons no further studies or increase of spillway capacity are recommended. However, to assure the continued functioning of the dam and its impoundment the following remedial actions should be undertaken by the owner:

- a. Repair all spalled and deteriorated concrete on the downstream face of the spillways within twelve months.
- b. Repair the cracked and deteriorated left wingwall within twelve months.
- c. Fill in the eroded area of the bank at the left wingwall with suitable material within twelve months.

A copy of the report is being furnished to Mr. Dirk C. Heiman, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the designated State Office contact for this program. Within five days of the date of this letter, a copy will also be sent to Congressman Courter of the Thirteenth District. Under the provision of the Freedom of Information Act, the inspection report will be subject to release by this office, upon request, five days after the date of this letter.



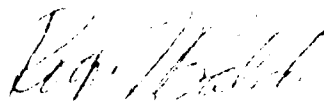
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Honorable Brendan T. Byrne

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An important aspect of the Dam Inspection Program will be the implementation of the recommendations made as a result of the inspection. We accordingly request that we be advised of proposed actions taken or to be taken to implement our recommendations.

Sincerely,



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Commander and District Engineer

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ROCKAFELLOWS MILLS DAM (ND00000)

CORPS OF ENGINEERS ASSESSMENT OF GENERAL CONDITIONS

This dam was inspected on 17 March 1981 by Harris-Bell Associates, under contract to the State of New Jersey. The State, under agreement with the U.S. Army Engineer District, Philadelphia, had this inspection performed in accordance with the National Dam Inspection Act, Public Law 96-589.

Rockafellows Mills Dam, initially listed as a high hazard potential structure but reduced to a low hazard potential structure as a result of this inspection, is judged to be in fair overall condition. However, the spillways are considered inadequate, as 5 percent of the 100 year design flood would cause the dam to be overtopped. The low hazard potential classification means that in the event of failure of the dam, no loss of life and only minimal economic loss is expected. For the same reasons no further studies or increase of spillway capacity are recommended. However, to assure the continued functioning of the dam and its impoundment, the following remedial actions could be undertaken by the owner:

- a. Repair all spalled and deteriorated concrete on the downstream face of the spillways within twelve months.
- b. Repair the cracked and deteriorated left wingwall within twelve months.
- c. Fill in the eroded area of the bank at the left wingwall with suitable material within twelve months.

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Name: Rockafellows Mills Dam, I.D. NO 00568  
State Located: New Jersey  
County Located: Hunterdon County  
Stream: South Branch Raritan River  
River Basin: Raritan River Basin  
Date of Inspection: March 27, 1981

Assessment of General Conditions

Rockafellows Mills Dam is a concrete dam spanning the South Branch of the Raritan River. The concrete overflow spillway is connected to an undershot water wheel structure at the right end. The overall condition of the dam is fair. There are no major signs of distress or instability in the dam. The low-level outlet valves supplying water to the wheel, as well as the wheel, are no longer operable. Two of the valves are shut and the other two are opened slightly. The hazard potential is recommended to be downgraded to "low".

Rockafellows Mills Dam is considered inadequate in view of its lack of spillway capacity to pass the SDF(100-year storm) without overtopping the dam. The spillway is capable of passing a flood equal to 4 percent of the SDF (100-year storm) and is assessed as "inadequate".

At present, the engineering data available is not sufficient to make a definitive statement on the stability of the dam, but based on the findings of the visual inspection, the preliminary assessment of static stability is that it is satisfactory. The following actions are recommended along with a timetable for their completion. All recommended actions should be conducted under the supervision of an Engineer who is experienced in the design, construction and inspection of dams.

1. Repair all spalled and deteriorated concrete on the downstream face of the spillways within twelve months.
2. Repair the cracked and deteriorated left wingwall within twelve months.
3. Fill in the eroded area of bank at the left wingwall with suitable material within twelve months.

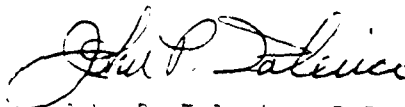
  
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Photo taken on March 27, 1981

ROCKAFELLOWS MILLS DAM

View looking towards right end of dam.

## PREFACE

This report is prepared under guidance contained in the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for Phase I Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the office of the Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase I Investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigation, and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I investigation; however, the investigation intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe conditions be detected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established Guidelines, the Spillway Test flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. The test flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aide in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.

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ROCKAFELLOWS MILLS DAM, I.D. NJ 00568

SECTION 1

1. PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 General

a. Authority

The National Dam Inspection Act (Public Law 92-367, 1972) provides for the National Inventory and Inspection Program by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This inspection was made in accordance with this authority under Contract C-FPM No. 35 with the State of New Jersey who, in turn, is contracted to the Philadelphia District of the Corps of Engineers, and was carried out by the engineering firm of Harris-ECI Associates of Woodbridge, New Jersey.

b. Purpose of Inspection

The visual inspection of Rockafellows Mills Dam was made on March 27, 1981. The purpose of the inspection was to make a general assessment as to the structural integrity and operational adequacy of the dam embankment and its appurtenant structures.

c. Scope of Report

The report summarizes available pertinent data relating to the project; presents a summary of visual observations made during the field inspection; presents an evaluation of hydrologic and hydraulic conditions at the site; presents an evaluation as to the structural adequacy of the various project features; and assesses the general condition of the dam with respect to safety.

1.2 Description of Project

a. Description of Dam and Appurtenances

Rockafellows Mills Dam is a rock fill concrete gravity dam with an overall length of 290 feet and a maximum height of 14 feet. The dam is comprised of three sections; a 235 foot long broad crested weir main spillway; a 20 foot long concrete wall at the right end of the main spillway acting as an auxiliary spillway; and a 35 foot long low-level outlet structure at the right end of the dam. The crest of auxiliary spillway is 1.8 feet higher than the main spillway. The section of the low-level outlet structure which



contains a 8 foot by 10 foot undershot water wheel, is a 10 foot by 15 foot concrete structure and has a crest four feet higher than the main spillway.

At the left end of the dam is a concrete capped rock filled L shaped wingwall. The portion of the wall parallel to the river is approximately 40 feet long with an average width of 5.5 feet with a top elevation 1.2 feet above the crest of the spillway. The other portion of the wingwall is approximately 15 feet long and 5 feet wide with a top elevation approximately 9 inches above the spillway. The left bank of the river has an elevation approximately two feet above the spillway and is part of a wide flood plain at approximately the same elevation.

The flow to the water wheel is through four 20-inch pipes. The water wheel is no longer in use as the valves that control the flow through the pipes are no longer operable.

The flow from the spillway discharges into the natural river channels that flows under Rockafellows Mill Road through a 10 foot by 300 foot opening approximately 300 feet downstream. From there the flow continues eastward passing under U.S. Route 202 approximately 2,400 feet downstream of the spillway. The flow from the outlet structure discharges into a deep narrow channel that flows under Rockafellows Mill Road through a 40-inch by 65-inch corrugated metal pipe approximately 300 feet from the dam and then continues downstream approximately 400 feet more before joining the river.

A generalized description of soil conditions is contained in Report No. 6, Hunterdon County, Engineering Soil Survey of New Jersey, by Rutgers University. The report dated 1952 describes this river area soil as recent alluvium, composed of non-residual material deposited by and still subject to alluvial action. The underlying formation is shale with minor occurrence of interbedded sandstone and its depth below the surface varies considerably. Geologic Overlay Sheet 24 describes the underlying rock as Brunswick Formation.

#### b. Location

Rockafellows Mills Dam is located on the south branch of the Raritan River in the Township of Raritan, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. It is accessible from U.S. Route 202 via River Road and Rockafellows Mill Road.

#### c. Size Classification

According to the "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams" by the U.S. Department of the Army, Office of the Chief Engineers, the dam is classified in the dam size category as being "small", since its storage volume of 50 acre-feet is less than 1,000 acre feet. The dam is also classified as "small" because its height of 14 feet is less than 40 feet. The overall size classification of Rockafellows Mills Dam is "small".

d. Hazard Classification

A hazard potential classification of "low" has been assigned to the dam. This is based on the facts that the main use of the downstream area is agriculture and pasture lands and the three residential structures immediately downstream are above the flood plain. Therefore a hypothetical failure would not result in excessive property damage and no loss of life can be expected in the event of dam failure.

e. Ownership

Rockafellows Mills Dam is owned by:

Mr. Jacob Beitz  
R.D. 7 Box 679  
Flemington, NJ  
(201) 782-8196

f. Purpose

Rockafellows Mills Dam is presently used to impound water for industrial and recreational purposes. The impounded water is used by the Tenneco Chemical Company, located approximately 3,000 feet upstream from the dam.

g. Design - Construction History

The original construction date for Rockafellows Mills Dam is unknown. The dam was rebuilt in 1919 to supply power for a mill located at the right edge of the dam. In 1930 and 1978 dam failures were recorded. The cause and extent of the failure in 1930 or resulting damage is unknown. In 1978, there was a 30 foot breach at the right end of the main spillway. According to the owner, the downstream area did not sustain any damage from the breach.

h. Normal Operating Procedures

The discharge from the dam is unregulated and allowed to naturally balance the inflow from the river.

1.3 Pertinent Data

a. Drainage Area 174.0 sq. mi.

b. Discharge at Dam Site

Ungated spillway capacity at elevation of top of dam: 1,707 cfs (99.8 NGVD)

Total spillway capacity at maximum pool elevation (SDF): 40,769 cfs (106.21 NGVD)

c. Elevation (Feet above NGVD)

Top of dam: 102.0

Maximum pool design surcharge (SDF): 106.21

Recreation pool: 98.0

Spillway crest: Main: 98.0  
Auxiliary: 99.8\*

Streambed at centerline of dam: 88.0 (Estimated)

Maximum tailwater: 90.0 (Estimated)

d. Reservoir

Length of maximum pool: 3,500 ft. (Estimated)

Length of recreation pool: 2,500 ft. (Estimated)

e. Storage (acre-feet)

Spillway Crest: 27

Top of dam: 50 @ 99.8 NGVD\* (Estimated)

Maximum pool (SDF): 275

f. Reservoir Surface (acres)

Top of dam: 13 @ 99.8 NGVD\* (Estimated)

Maximum pool (SDF): 105 (Estimated)

Recreation pool: 8.2

Spillway crest: 8.2 (98.0 NGVD)

\* Elevation at which river overflows left bank onto a wide flood plain.

g. Dam

Type:	Concrete gravity dam with rock fill core.
Length:	290 ft.
Height:	14 ft.
Top width:	1.5 ft.
Side slopes - Upstream:	Unknown
- Downstream:	Nearly vertical
Zoning:	Unknown
Impervious core:	Unknown
Cutoff:	None
Grout curtain:	None

h. Diversion and Regulating Tunnel

i. Spillway

Type:	Broad crested weir
Length of weir:	Main: 235 ft.
	Auxiliary: 20 ft.
Crest elevation:	Main: 98.0 NGVD
	Auxiliary: 99.8 NGVD
Gates:	None
U/S Channel:	South Branch Raritan River
D/S Channel:	South Branch Raritan River

j. Regulating Outlets

Low level outlet:	4 - 20-inch pipes
Controls:	Gate valves
Emergency gate:	None
Outlet:	Unknown

## SECTION 2

### 2. ENGINEERING DATA

#### 2.1 Design

There are no drawings or design computations for Rockafellows Mills Dam available. No data from soil borings, soil tests or other geotechnical data is available. The only information relating to the dam is a copy of a reference data sheet on file at the Trenton offices of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJ-DEP).

#### 2.2 Construction

Data is not available concerning the as-built construction of the dam. No data exists on the construction methods, borrow sources, or other data pertinent to the construction of the dam.

#### 2.3 Operation

Formal operation records are not kept for the dam. The overflow from the dam is unregulated and the river is allowed to operate naturally.

#### 2.4 Evaluation

##### a. Availability

The availability of engineering data is very poor. The stated information concerning the dam is available from the NJ-DEP.

##### b. Adequacy

The engineering data available together with that obtained in the field, was adequate to perform hydrologic and hydraulic computations. The data was insufficient to perform a stability analysis, but preliminary evaluation could be made based on visual observations.

##### c. Validity

Information contained on a reference data sheet and checked by limited field measurements appears to be valid.

## SECTION 3

### 3. VISUAL INSPECTION

#### 3.1 Findings

##### a. General

The visual inspection of Rockafellows Mills Dam revealed the dam and spillway to be in fair condition and in need of repairs. At the time of the inspection the river level was above the crest of the spillway.

##### b. Dam

The dam is relatively sound and the vertical and horizontal alignments appeared good. The downstream face of the dam is very badly spalled and there is a diagonal crack about 60 feet to the right of the left end, which appeared tight at the time of inspection. A 30 foot section at the right end of the dam was breached and repaired in 1978. The horizontal joint between the old dam and the repaired section is open about one inch. Also the downstream side of the repaired section of the dam has been undermined.

##### c. Appurtenant Structures

###### 1. Spillway

The spillway is a broad crested concrete overflow weir running the entire length of the dam. (See above).

###### 2. Wingalls

There is a wingwall at the left end of the dam. It is L shaped consisting of a paved concrete cap underlain by rock fill. The concrete cap is badly cracked and settled. The upstream face has been completely eroded exposing the rock fill. The left side of the wingwall, which is parallel to the river, has been eroded and deteriorated due to seepage. A large section of the bank to the left of this wingwall has also been eroded from seepage. The seepage which was evident under the entire length of this wingwall, flows around the short end of the L section into the downstream channel.

###### 3. Outlet Works

The outlet works located at the right end of the dam, consist of four 20-inch pipes and the undershot water wheel. Two of the control valves are closed and the remaining two are partially opened. None of the valves for the four pipes are operational, therefore they can not be opened or closed. The outlet structure has some cracked and spalled concrete on the top surface.

d. Reservoir Area

The banks of the river are about 2 feet high and very flat. The left bank is pasture land with some trees, River Road parallels the right bank. Sedimentation was noticed along the river bottom and at the top of the spillway.

e. Downstream Channel

The downstream channel is very wide and rocky with a small island in the middle of the channel. The banks are shallow and flat with pasture land on the left and flat lightly wooded land on the right. The channel crosses under Rockafellows Mill Road 300 feet downstream from the dam and then under Route 202 approximately 2,400 feet downstream from the dam. Three residential structures are located on the left and above the flood plain just downstream of Rockafellows Mill Road.

## S E C T I O N 4

### 4. OPERATION PROCEDURES

#### 4.1 Procedures

Rockafellows Mills Dam is used to impound water for recreational purposes as well as to supply water to the Tenneco Chemical Co. located approximately 3,000 feet upstream from the dam. The level of the impounded water is maintained through the unregulated flow over the spillway.

#### 4.2 Maintenance of the Dam

There is no regular inspection and maintenance program for the dam. The owner is responsible for the maintenance of the dam.

#### 4.3 Maintenance of Operating Facilities

The low-level outlets consist of four 20-inch pipes that provide water to the undershot water wheel. None of the valves for any of the pipes are operational so the outlets can not be opened or closed. Two of the valves are closed and the other two are partially opened.

#### 4.4 Evaluation

The present operational and maintenance procedures are fair with the dam and spillway being maintained in a serviceable condition.



## SECTION 5

### 5. HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC

#### 5.1 Evaluation of Features

##### a. Design

The drainage area above Rockafellows Mills Dam is approximately 174 square miles. A drainage map of the watershed of the dam site is presented on Plate 1, Appendix D.

The topography within the basin is generally moderately sloped. Elevations range from approximately 1,200 feet above NGVD at the northwest end of the watershed to about 100 feet at the dam site. Land use patterns within the watershed are mostly undeveloped and wooded with some residential development around the upstream lake areas.

The evaluation of the hydraulic and hydrologic features of the dam was based on criteria set forth in the Corps guidelines and additional guidance provided by the Philadelphia District, Corps of Engineers. The SDF for the Dam is the 100-year storm.

The 100-year Flood was calculated from 100-year precipitation using National Weather Service Hydro-35 and Technical Paper No. 40. A three hour unit hydrograph, supplied by the Corps of Engineers, for Darts Mill Dam (NJ 00788) (D.A. 165 square miles), was used with adjustment for the larger drainage area (174 square miles).

Initial and constant infiltration loss rates were applied to the 100-year rainfall to obtain rainfall excesses. The rainfall excesses were applied to the unit hydrograph to obtain the 100-year flood hydrograph utilizing program HEC-1-DB.

The SDF peak outflow calculated for the dam is 40,769 cfs. This value is derived from the 100-year flood, and results in overtopping of the dam, assuming that the lake was originally at the spillway crest elevation.

The stage-outflow relation for the spillway was determined from the geometry of the spillway and dam, utilizing HEC-1 Dam Safety Version Program.

The reservoir stage-storage capacity relationship was computed directly by the conic method, utilizing the HEC-1-DB program. The reservoir surface areas at various elevations were measured by planimeter from a U.S.G.S. Quadrangle topographic map. Reservoir storage capacity included surcharge levels exceeding the top of the dam, and the spillway rating curve was based

on the assumption that the dam remains intact during routing. The spillway rating curve is presented in the Hydrologic Computation, Appendix D.

Drawdown calculations indicate that to empty the lake to an elevation of 88.0 NGVD through the four low-level outlets would take 3 hours, assuming no inflow. With a constant inflow of 2 cfs/square mile, drawdown is not possible at all.

b. Experience Data

No records of reservoir stage or spillway discharges are maintained for this site.

c. Visual Observation

The downstream channel is in good condition. It has a wide rock covered bottom and shallow banks. The left bank is a very flat flood plain that is used primarily for grazing of animals. The right bank is mostly wooded. The channel crosses under Rockafellows Mill Road, 300 feet downstream and then under U.S. Route 202, 2,400 feet from the dam. There are three residences immediately downstream on the left above the flood plain.

The side slopes of the reservoir are flat with no signs of instability. River Road parallels the right shore while the left is a flat flood plain.

d. Overtopping Potential

A storm of magnitude equivalent to the SDF would cause overtopping of the dam to a height of 6.41 feet. Computations indicate that the dam can pass approximately 4 percent of the 100-year storm without overtopping the dam crest. Since the 100-year storm is the Spillway Design Flood (SDF) for this dam, according to the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams by the Corps of Engineers, the spillway capacity of the dam is assessed as "inadequate".

## SECTION 6

### 6. STRUCTURAL STABILITY

#### 6.1 Evaluation of Structural Stability

##### a. Visual Observations

At the time of inspection Rockafellows Mills Dam did not exhibit any visible signs of major distress. There was no evidence of tilting, misalignment or movement of the foundation. The downstream face of the spillway is very badly spalled. There is a diagonal crack approximately 60 feet from the left end which appeared tight. At the right end of the dam a 30 foot breach has been repaired with the construction joint being open about one inch. Also in this area the dam has been undermined. At the left wingwall the concrete cap is cracked and has settled in some places. The upstream face of this wingwall has been eroded exposing the rock fill and seepage was observed under the entire length of the wingwall. There was also some cracks and spalling on the top concrete surface of the deck on the right side near the water wheel.

##### b. Design and Construction Data

No design computations relating to stability were uncovered during the report preparation phase. No embankment or foundation soil parameters are available for carrying out a conventional stability analysis on the embankment.

##### c. Operating Records

No operating records are available relating to the stability of the dam.

##### d. Post - Construction Changes

The dam was rebuilt in 1919 after a failure. There were also dam failures in 1930 and 1978, the causes and extent of which were unknown. The only known repair occurred in 1978 when a 30 foot breach at the right end was repaired.

##### e. Static Stability

A static stability analysis was not performed for Rockafellows Mills Dam because the lack of data on which to base assumptions of material properties of the foundation material might produce misleading results, but based on the findings of the visual inspection, the preliminary assessment of static stability is that it is satisfactory.

f. Seismic Stability

The dam is located in Seismic Zone 1, as defined in Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, prepared by the Corps of Engineers. In general, projects located in Seismic Zones 0, 1 and 2 may be assumed to present no hazard from earthquake, provided the static stability conditions are satisfactory and conventional safety margins exist, and based on the findings of the visual inspection, the preliminary assessment of the static and seismic stabilities is that they are satisfactory.

## SECTION 7

### 7. ASSESSMENT/REMEDIAL MEASURES

#### 7.1 Dam Assessment

##### a. Safety

The dam has been inspected visually and a review has been made of the available engineering data. This assessment is subject to the limitations inherent in the visual inspection procedures stipulated by the Corps of Engineers for a Phase I report.

Rockafellows Mills Dam is inadequate because the dam does not have spillway capacity to pass the SDF, 100-year flood, without overtopping. The present spillway capacity of the dam is approximately 4 percent of the 100-year storm.

No definitive statement pertaining to the safety of the dam can be made without acquisition of foundation material engineering properties, but based on the findings of the visual inspection, preliminary assessment of the static stability is that it is satisfactory.

##### b. Adequacy of Information

The information uncovered was adequate to perform hydrologic and hydraulic computations. The data was insufficient to perform even an approximate computation of the stability of the dam. A preliminary assessment of the dam could be made by visual observation only.

##### c. Urgency

The remedial measures and recommended actions along with a timetable for their completion are detailed below. All recommended action should be conducted under the supervision of an engineer who is experienced in the design, construction and inspection of dams.

#### 7.2 Remedial Measures

##### a. Alternatives for Increasing Spillway Capacity

Alternatives for increasing spillway capacity are not required as the hazard potential of the dam is rated as "low".

b. Recommendations

1. Repair all spalled and deteriorated concrete on the downstream face of the spillways within twelve months.
2. Repair the cracked and deteriorated left wingwall within twelve months.
3. Fill in the eroded area of bank at the left wingwall with suitable material within twelve months.

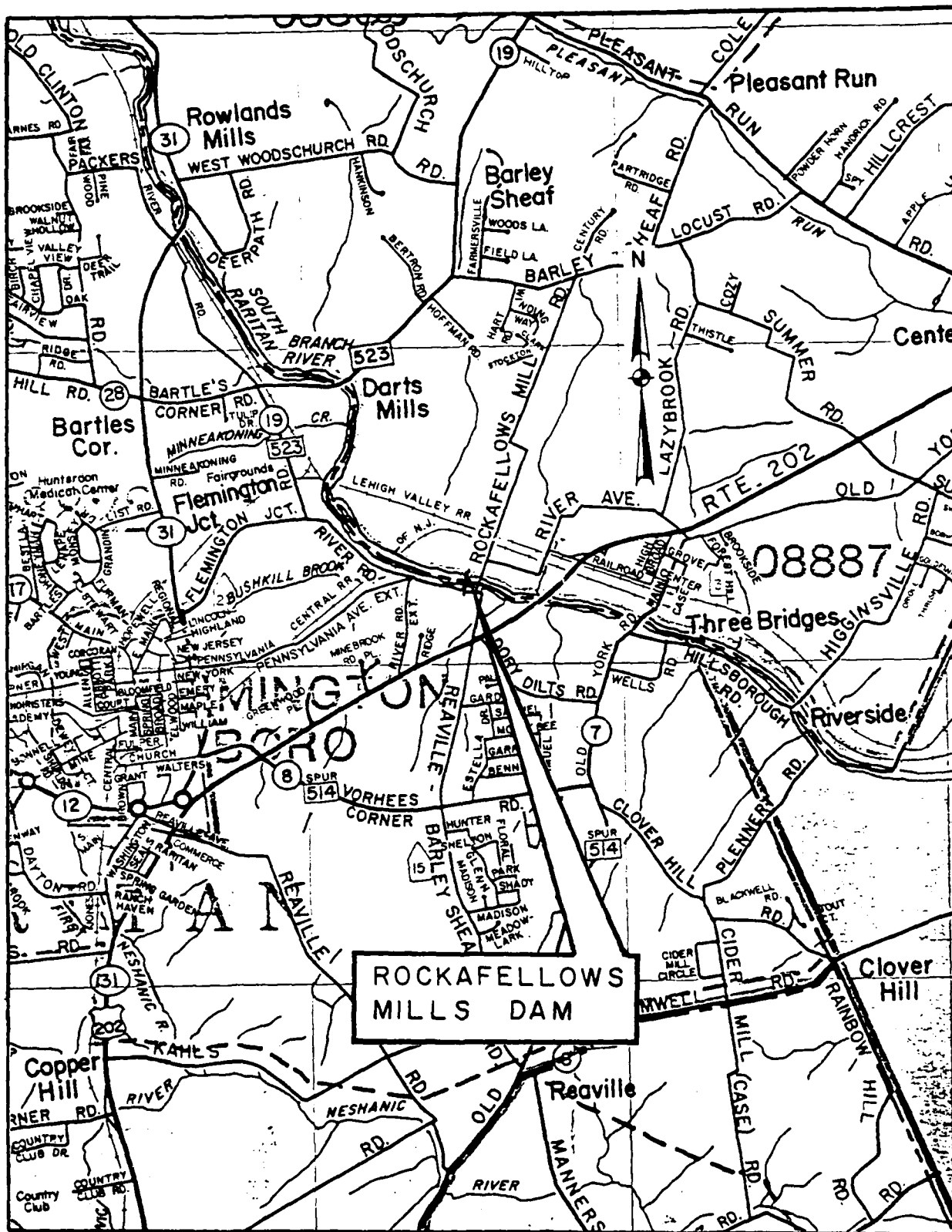
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ROCKAFELLOWS MILLS DAM  
RARITAN TOWNSHIP  
HUNTERDON COUNTY, N. J.



KEY MAP



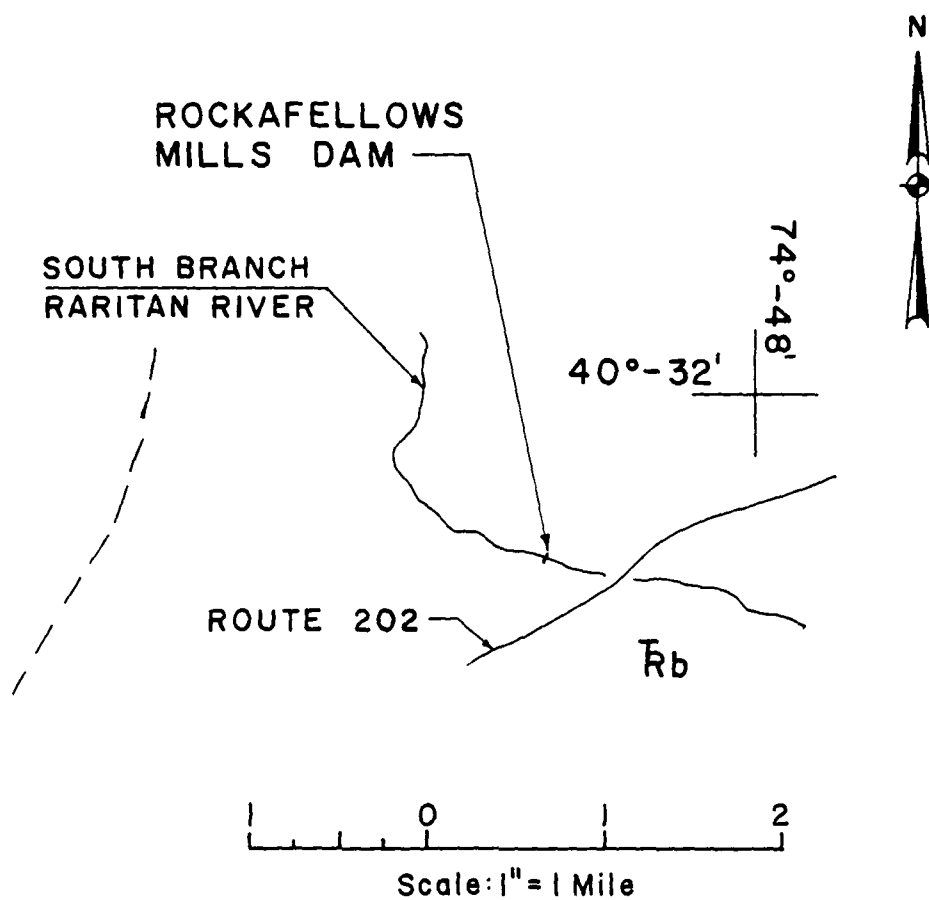


Scale in Miles (Approx.)



VICINITY MAP

PLATE 2



## LEGEND

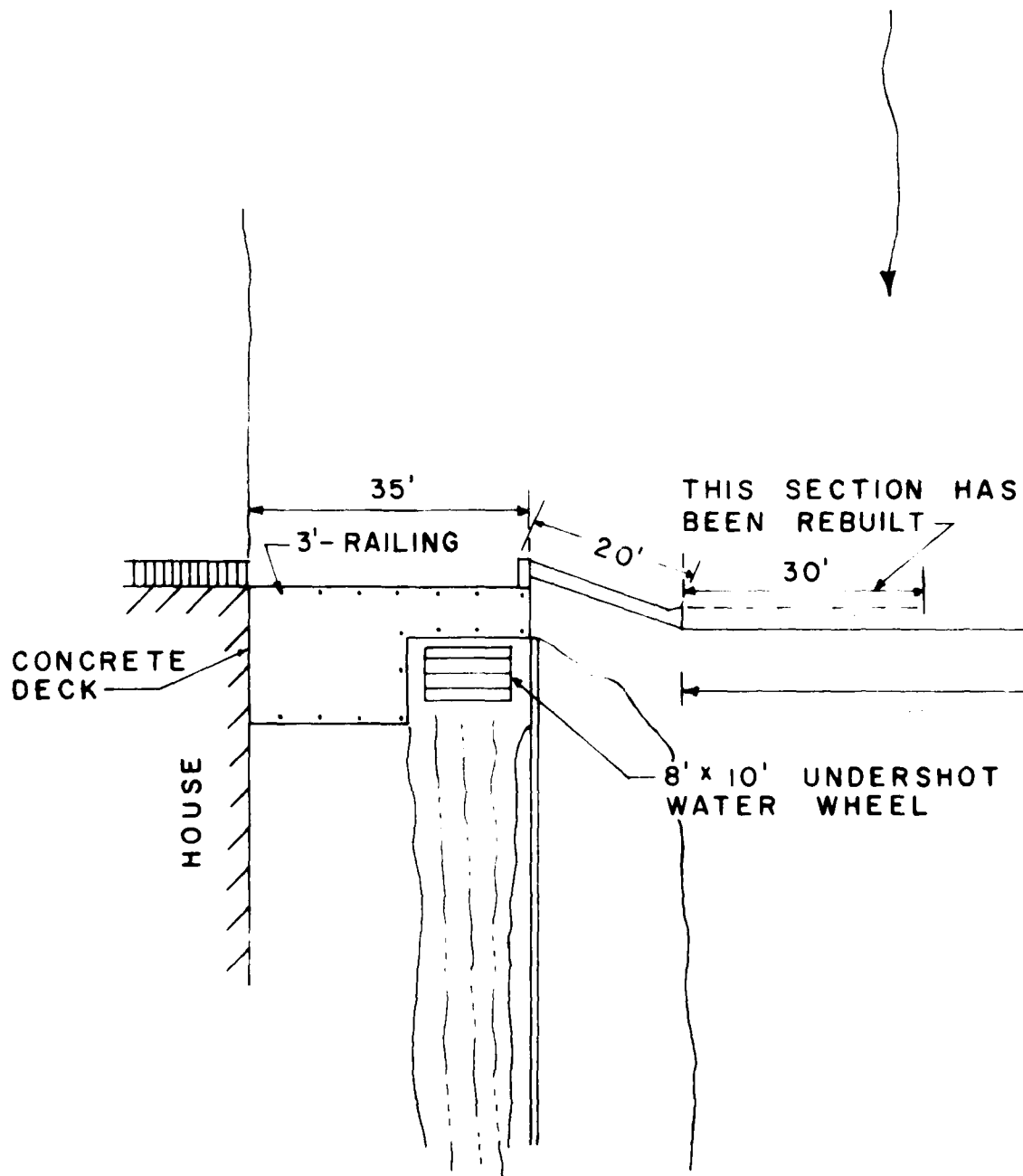
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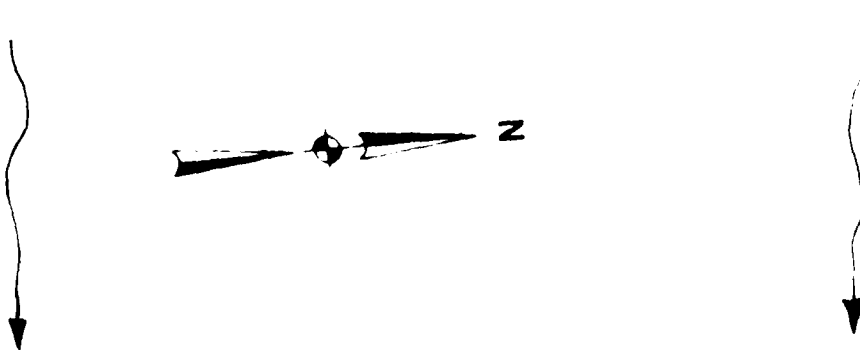
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FAULT

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GEOLOGIC MAP  
ROCKAFELLOWS MILLS DAM



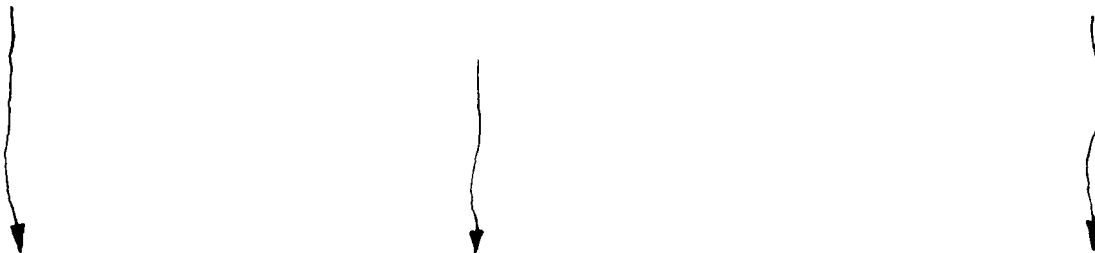


SOUTH BRANCH  
RARITAN RIVER

WALLS ARE PC  
CONCRETE OVER  
ROCK FILL

235'

MAIN SPILLWAY



PLAN  
SCALE: 1" = 20'

WALLS ARE POURED  
CONCRETE OVER  
ROCK FILL

ERODED SECTION  
OF BANK

ROCKAFELLOWS MILLS DAM  
RARITAN TWP, HUNTERDON CO., N.J.

SKETCH OF PLAN  
PREPARED FROM FIELD NOTES TAKEN  
DURING INSPECTION ON MAR. 27, 1981

BY:  
HARRIS-ECI ASSOCIATES  
WOODBIDGE, N.J.

SCALE AS SHOWN  
DATE MAR 1981  
SHEET 1 OF 1

APPENDIX A

CHECK LIST - VISUAL OBSERVATIONS

CHECK LIST - ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION  
MAINTENANCE DATA

CHECK LIST  
VISUAL INSPECTION

PHASE 1

Name Dam Rockafellows Mills Dam County Hunterdon State New Jersey Coordinators NJ-DEP

Date(s) Inspection March 27, 1981 Weather Cloudy Temperature 45°F

Pool Elevation at Time of Inspection 98. NGVD Tailwater at Time of Inspection 91.5 NGVD

Inspection Personnel:

March 27, 1981

Thomas Moroney  
Joseph Sirianni (Recorder)

OWNER/REPRESENTATIVE

Jacob Beitz  
R.D. 7 Box 679  
Flemington, NJ

# CONCRETE SPILLWAY

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
SEEPAGE OR LEAKAGE	Seepage under entire length of left wingwall. Seepage flows around end section of wingwall into the downstream channel.	See below.
STRUCTURE TO ABUTMENT/EMBANKMENT JUNCTIONS	Concrete cap of L shaped left wingwall is badly cracked and settled. Upstream face has been eroded completely by seepage exposing the rock fill. Left side of wingwall parallel to river has been eroded and deteriorated from seepage. Large section of bank left of wingwall is eroded.	Replace & repair cracked concrete and fill in eroded section of bank with suitable material.
DRAINS	None	
WATER PASSAGES		
None		
FOUNDATIONS	Unknown	



# CONCRETE SPILLWAY

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
SURFACE CRACKS CONCRETE SURFACES	Downstream face of main and auxiliary spillways are very badly spalled. The bottom of the main spillway at the right end has been undermined. A 30 foot section of the main spillway had been breached and was replaced.	Repair spalled concrete.
STRUCTURAL CRACKING	There is a diagonal crack approximately 60 feet from the left end. The crack appeared tight.	
VERTICAL & HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT	Good.	
MONOLITH JOINTS	N/A	
CONSTRUCTION JOINTS	The construction joint of the repaired section of the spillway is open about one inch.	The joint should be sealed with joint sealer.

# OUTLET WORKS

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
CRACKING & SPALLING OF CONCRETE SURFACES IN STILLING BASIN	N/A	
INTAKE STRUCTURE	The intake structure is a 10 ft. by 35 ft. concrete chamber. The flow to the water wheel was controlled by four 20-inch valves. There are some cracks and spalling on the top concrete surface.	Repair cracks and spalled concrete.
OUTLET STRUCTURE	The outlet structure consists of an 8 foot wide by 10 foot high undershot water wheel. The wheel is no longer operative. Two of the valves are shut, the other two are partially opened. None of the valves are operational.	
OUTLET FACILITIES	None	
	The flow from the wheel discharges into a narrow steep channel that flows under Rockafellows Mill Road through a 40" x 65" C.M.P. 300 feet from the dam and then into the river approximately 400 feet downstream of the road.	

# UNGATED SPILLWAY

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCRETE WEIR	See concrete spillway sheets.	
APPROACH CHANNEL	South Branch of Raritan River is approach channel.	
DISCHARGE CHANNEL	South Branch of Raritan River is discharge channel. Channel bottom at base of spillway has scoured and undermined with depth of water over 6 feet.	
BRIDGE AND PIERS	None.	

# INSTRUMENTATION

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
MONUMENTATION/SURVEYS	None.	
OBSERVATION WELLS	None.	
WEIRS	None.	
PIEZOMETERS	None.	
OTHER	None.	

# RESERVOIR

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
SLOPES	The banks of the river are about 2 feet high and very flat. The right bank looking upstream is pastures with some trees. River Road parallels the left bank.	
SEDIMENTATION	Sedimentation was noticed along the river bottom and top of spillway.	

# DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
CONDITION (OBSTRUCTIONS, DEBRIS, ETC.)	<p>The downstream channel is very wide and rocky with a layer of sedimentation. There is a small island in the middle of the channel.</p>	
SLOPES	<p>The slopes are very flat and about 2 feet high. The left side is pasture land, the right is lightly wooded.</p>	
APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF HOMES AND POPULATION	<p>The channel crosses under Rockafellows Mill Road bridge through a 10 foot by 300 feet opening, approximately 300 feet downstream and under Route 202 approximately 2,400 feet downstream. There are three buildings immediately downstream off to the left and above the flood plain.</p>	

CHECK LIST  
ENGINEERING DATA  
DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION

ITEM	REMARKS
PLAN OF DAM	None available.
REGIONAL VICINITY MAP	Available - Hunterdon County Map and U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Sheet for Flemington, New Jersey.
CONSTRUCTION HISTORY	Not available.
TYPICAL SECTIONS OF DAM	Sketch available in files at NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJ-DEP), 1474 Prospect Street, P.O. Box CN-029, Trenton, NJ 08626
HYDROLOGIC/HYDRAULIC DATA	None available.
OUTLETS - PLAN	None available.
- DETAILS	None available.
- CONSTRAINTS	None
- DISCHARGE RATINGS	Not available.
RAINFALL / RESERVOIR RECORDS	Not available.

CHECK LIST  
ENGINEERING DATA  
DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION  
(continued)

ITEM	REMARKS
DESIGN REPORTS	None available.
GEOLOGY REPORTS	Available U.S.G.S. Geologic Overlay Sheet for Hunterdon County and Engineering Soils Survey of New Jersey, Report No. 6 - Hunterdon County, by Rutgers University (New Brunswick, NJ)
DESIGN COMPUTATIONS HYDROLOGY & HYDRAULICS DAM STABILITY SEEPAGE STUDIES	None available.
MATERIALS INVESTIGATIONS BORING RECORDS LABORATORY FIELD	None available.
POST-CONSTRUCTION SURVEYS OF DAM	None
BORROW SOURCES	Unknown
SPILLWAY PLAN - SECTIONS - DETAILS	None available.



CHECK LIST  
ENGINEERING DATA  
DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION  
(continued)

ITEM	REMARKS
OPERATING EQUIPMENT PLANS AND DETAILS	None available.
MONITORING SYSTEMS	None.
MODIFICATIONS	None.
HIGH POOL RECORDS	Not kept.
POST CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING STUDIES AND REPORTS	None available.
PRIOR ACCIDENTS OF FAILURE OF DAM - DESCRIPTION - REPORTS	Dam failed in 1919, 1930 and 1978. Causes unknown.
MAINTENANCE OPERATION RECORDS	None known to exist.

APPENDIX B

PHOTOGRAPHS

(Taken on March 27, 1981)

ROCKAFELLOWS MILLS DAM



Photo 1 - View of dam looking towards the left end. Dry area of spillway is section repaired in 1978.

ROCKAFELLOWS MILLS DAM

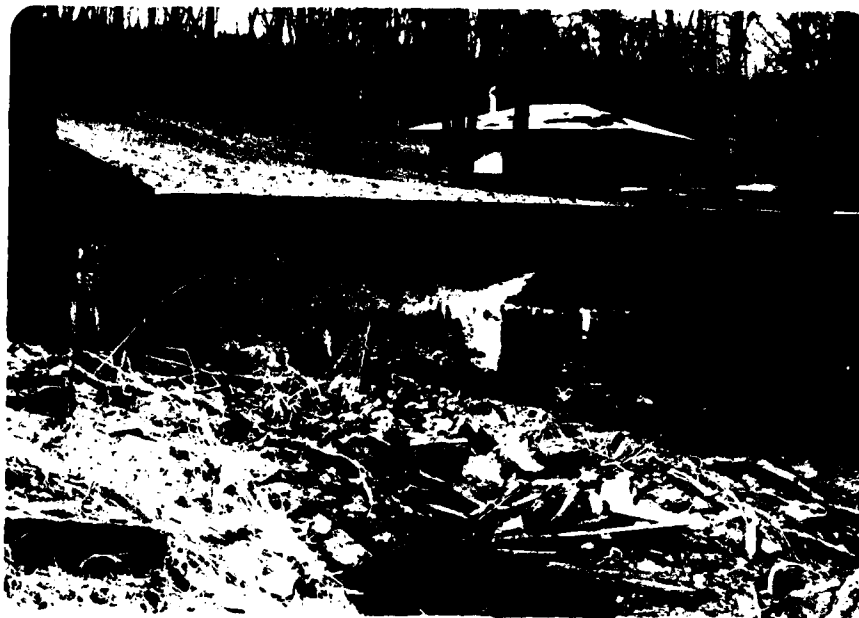


Photo 2 - View of spalled and deteriorated downstream face of auxiliary spillway.



Photo 3 - View of downstream face of spillway. Section of spillway from diagonal crack to the left is the repaired portion of the spillway.

ROCKAFELLOWS MILLS DAM



Photo 4 - View of downstream face of the wingwall at the left end of the dam.



Photo 5 - View of upstream face and left side of L shaped wingwall at left end of dam. There is seepage along the entire left side of portion parallel to river.

ROCKAFELLOWS MILLS DAM



Photo 6 - View upstream of auxiliary spillway and water wheel structure.



Photo 7 - View of water wheel from downstream.

ROCKAFELLOWS MILLS DAM



Photo 8 - View of dam and upstream from downstream channel.



Photo 9 - View of downstream channel from spillway.

APPENDIX C

SUMMARY OF ENGINEERING DATA



1.

CHECK LIST  
HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC DATA  
ENGINEERING DATA

Name of Dam: ROCKAFELLOWS MILLS DAM

Drainage Area Characteristics: 174 square miles

Elevation Top Normal Pool (Storage Capacity): 98.0 NGVD (27 acre-feet)

Elevation Top Flood Control Pool (Storage Capacity): N/A

Elevation Maximum Design Pool: 106.21 NGVD (SDF pool: 275 acre-feet)

Elevation Top Dam: 102.0 NGVD (50 acre-feet @ 99.8 NGVD\*)

SPILLWAY CREST:

a. Elevation      Main:      98.0 NGVD  
                    Auxiliary: 99.8 NGVD

b. Type      Broad crested

c. Width      1.5 feet

d. Length      Main:    235 feet; Auxiliary: 20 feet

e. Location Spillover      Entire length of main spillway

f. No. and Type of Gates      None

OUTLET WORKS:

a. Type      4 - 20-inch pipes

b. Location      Right side of dam at water wheel structure.

c. Entrance Inverts      Unknown

d. Exit Inverts      Unknown

e. Emergency Draindown Facilities      4 - 20-inch valves

HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL GAGES:

a. Type      None

b. Location      None

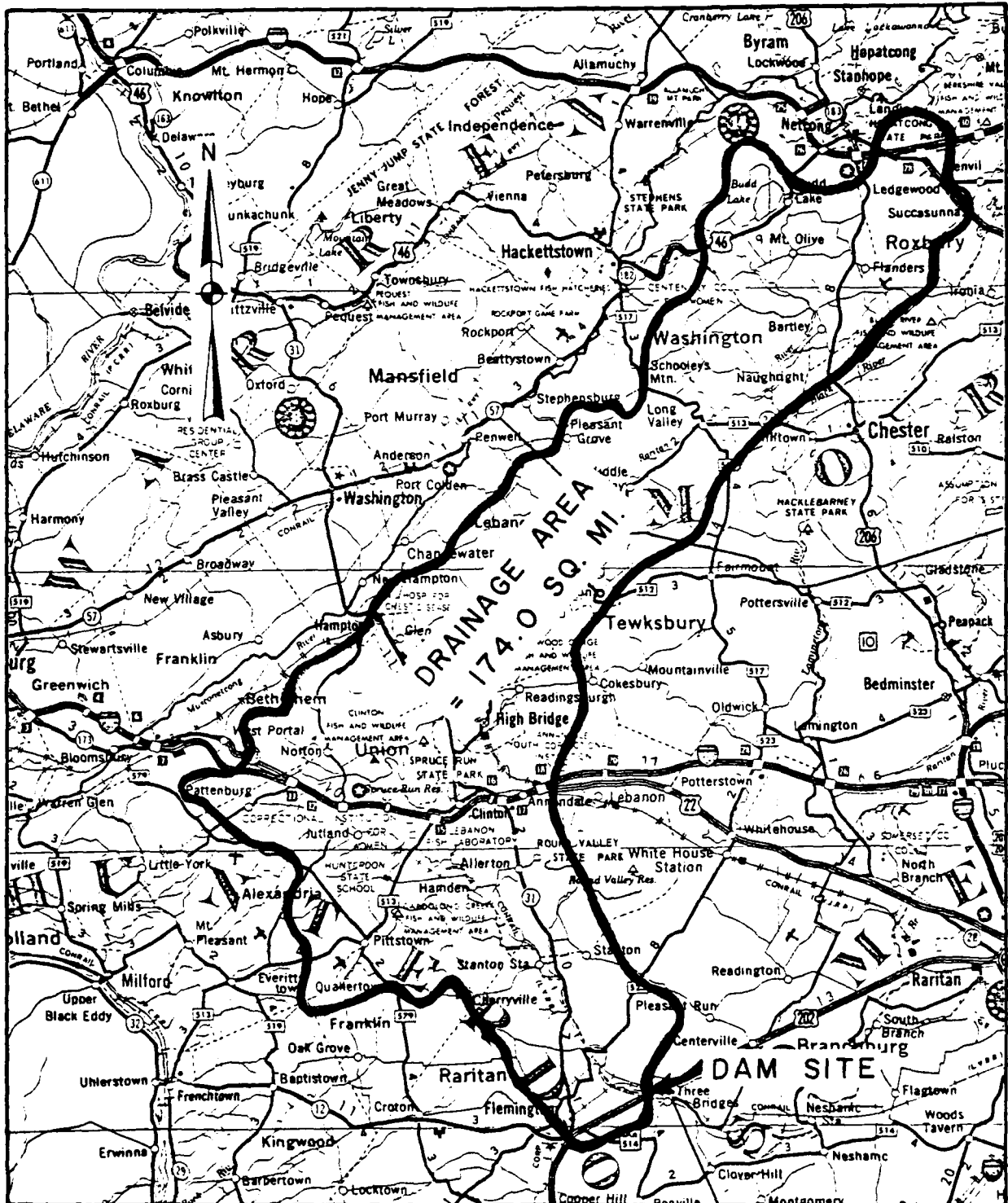
c. Records      None

MAXIMUM NON-DAMAGING DISCHARGE: 1,707 cfs at elevation 99.8 NGVD.\*

\* Elevation at which river overflows left bank onto a wide flood plain.

APPENDIX D

HYDROLOGIC COMPUTATIONS



4 0 4 8

Scale: 1" = 4 Miles

ROCKAFELLOWS MILLS DAM  
DRAINAGE BASIN

Area of Lake at normal pool level  
= 8.2 AC

Height of the Dam = 14 Ft

Small Dam,

Hazard Classification = Low

S.D.F = 100 year Storm

Hydrologic analysis

D.A = 174 sq miles

Inflow Hydrograph at reservoir was  
determined using HEC 1 DB program.  
Inflow routed through reservoir

Reservoir Stage area relationship

Elevation

Area in Acres

88

0

98

8.2

100

12.9

120

339.7

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CONSULTING ENGINEERS

SUBJECT N.J. Dam Inspection  
Rockafellows Mills Dam  
COMPUTED BY J. L. CHECKED BY

SHEET NO. 2 OF   
JOB NO. 10-1176-01  
DATE June 19, 81

Precipitation Frequency Values (inches) of 100 yr. For

60 min. 3.05 Ref. NWS. Hydrs - 35-

2 hr. 3.88

3 hr. 4.35

4 hr. 4.73

5 hr. 4.98

6 hr. 5.20

Ref NWS-TP Nr 40

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Rockafellows Dam  
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 JOB NO. 10-1176-07  
 DATE \_\_\_\_\_

100 year Rainfall distribution (1 hr duration)

Time (hr)	Total depth (inch)	Ad inch.
1	3.05	3.05
2	3.82	.83
3	4.35	.47
4	4.73	.38
5	4.98	.25
6	5.20	.22

Rainfall design arrangement

.25, .83, 3.05, .47, .38, .22

### 3 Hour Unit Hydrograph

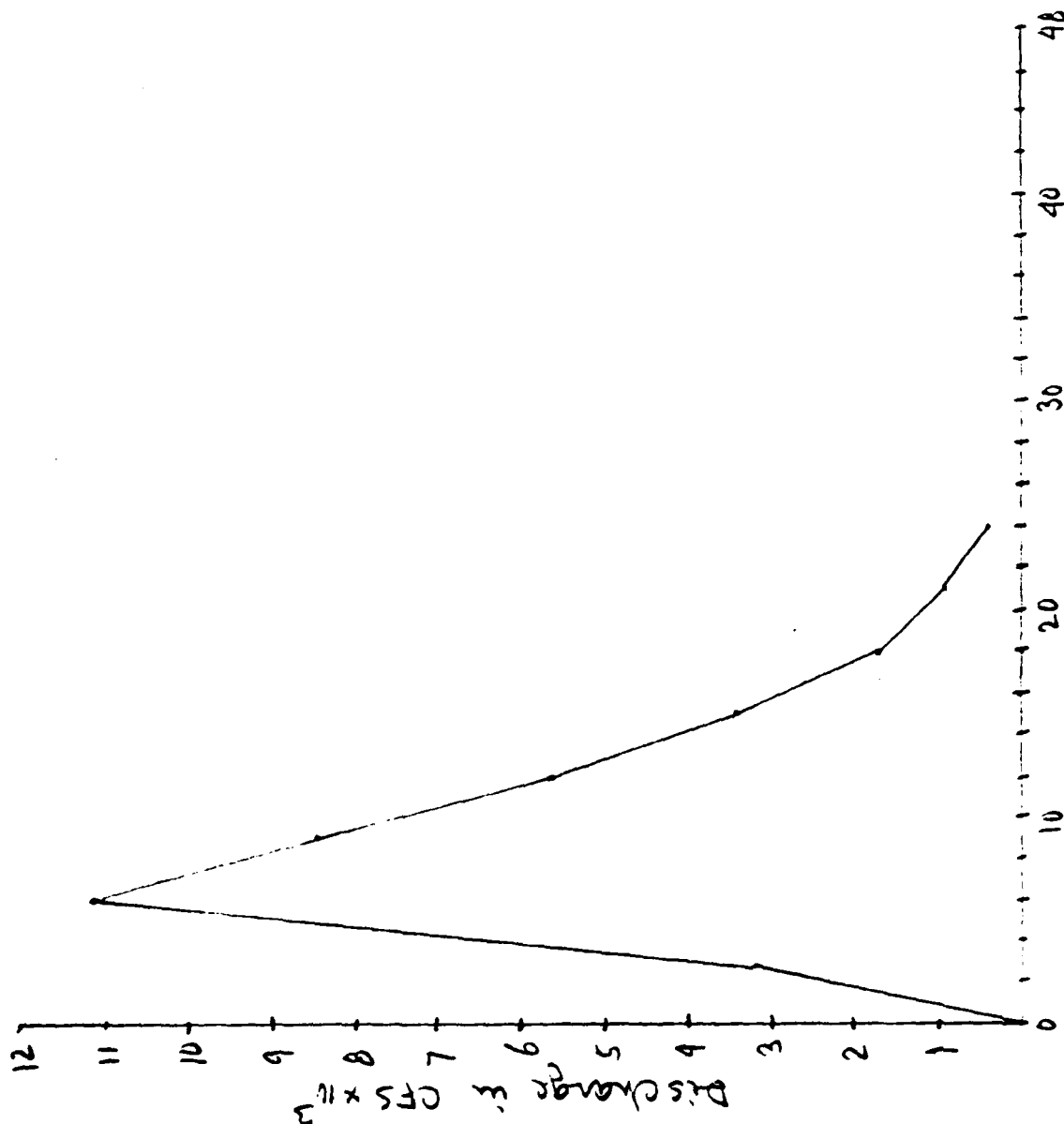
U.H.G. Darts Mill Dam (D.A. 165 sq miles) is available for use. The same U.H.G. was used for Rockafellows Mills Dam with adjustments of Drainage area (174 sq miles)

Hour	3 Hr UHG Darts Mill	3 Hr UHG (Rockafellows)
0	0	0
3	2800	3,114
6	10500	11,073
9	8000	8,436
12	5300	5,589
15	3300	3,480
18	1600	1,687
21	900	949
24	700	738
27	500	527
30	400	422
33	300	316
36	250	264
39	200	211
42	150	158
45	100	105
48	50	53
51	-	-

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Rockafellows Mills Dam  
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Rockafellows Mills Dam  
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 JOB NO. 10-1176-97  
 DATE May 1981

Unit H.G. is tabulated at 1 hr. interval

Time (hrs)	3 Hr UHG ②	S-Curve addition ③	S-Curve ②+③ ④	Lagged S-Curve ⑤	④-⑤ ⑥	Adj. sted ⑦	1 Hr UHG ⑦ x 3
0	0		0		0	0	0
1	1038		1038	0	1038	519	1557
2	2076		2076	1038	1038	1038	3114
3	3114	0	3114		1038	1557	4671
4	6000	1038	7038		3924	3924	11772
5	8500	2076	10576		3538	3611	10833
6	11073	3114	14187		3611	3538	10614
7	10194	7038	17232		3045	3045	9135
8	9315	10576	19891	0	2659	2732	8196
9	8436	14187	22623		2732	2659	7977
10	7487	17232	24719		2096	2096	6288
11	6538	19891	26429		1710	1783	5349
12	5589	22623	28212		1783	1710	5130
13	4686	24719	29605		1393	1393	4179
14	4183	26429	30612		1007	1080	3240
15	3480	28212	31692		1580	1007	3021
16	2883	29605	32488		796	796	2388
17	2285	30612	32897		409	550	1650
18	1687	31692	33379		482	482	1446
19	1441	32488	33929		550	409	1227
20	1195	32897	34692		163	479	1437
21	949	33379	34328		236	236	708
22	878	33929	34807		479	166	498
23	808	34692	34900		93	163	489
24	738	34328	35066		166	93	279
		34807					
		34933					
		35066					

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not  
calculated

Note The UHG ordinate for later part is insignificant in determination of peak flow which will be before 24 hrs. Area under the UHG is much less than 1"

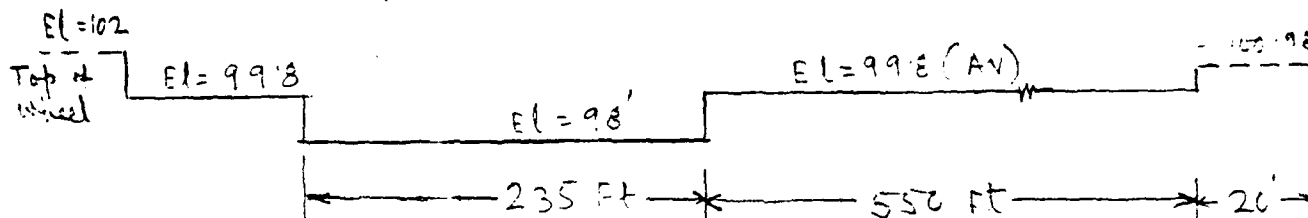
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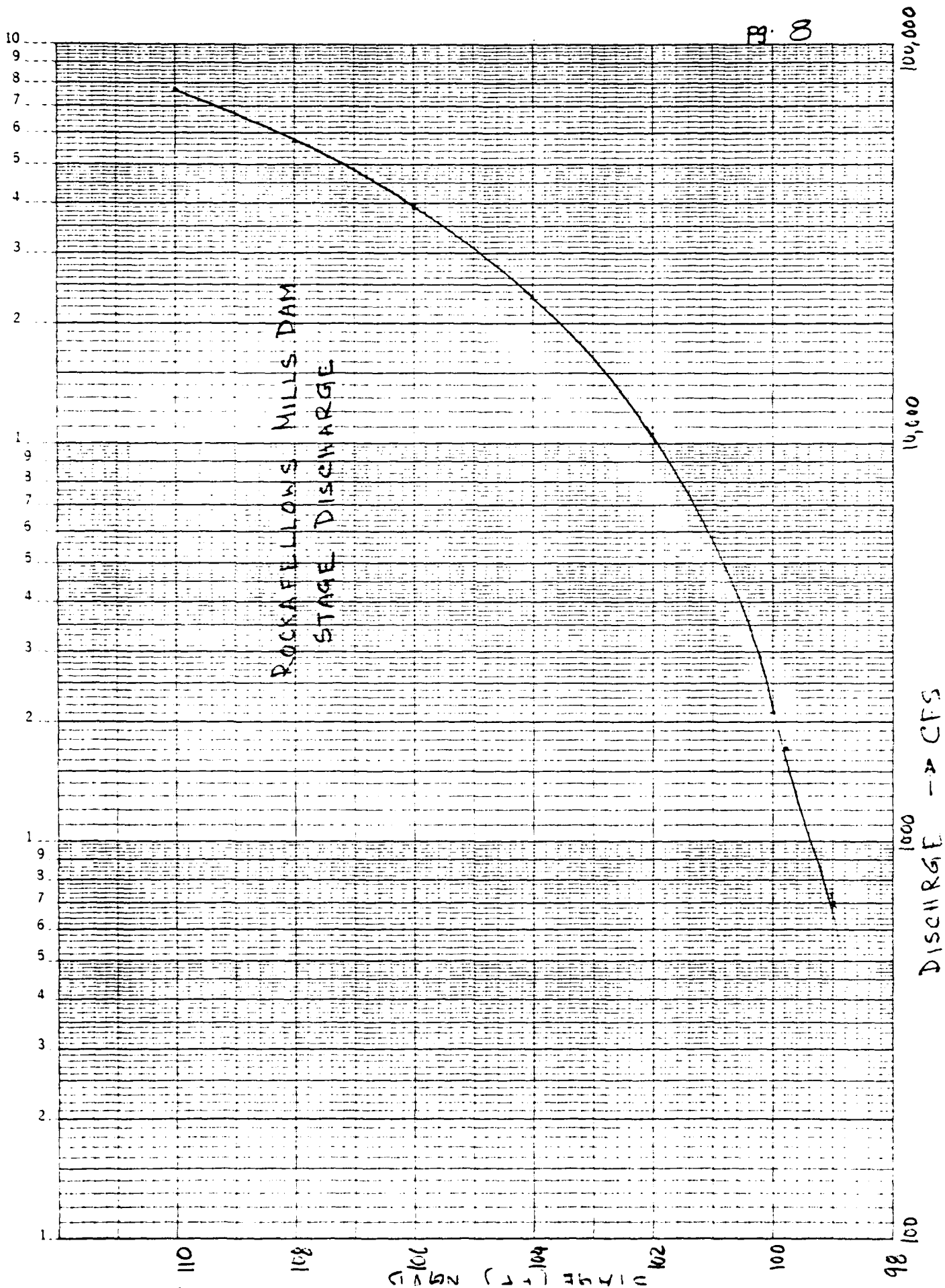
Rating Curve:—

Schematic Layout of Dam and Stillway



Spillway = 235 ft  $C = 3.0$   $Q_{SPILL} = 3 \times 235 H_s^{1.5} = 707 H_s^{1.5}$   
Dam = 570 ft  $C = 2.6$   $Q_{DAM} = 2.6 \times 570 H_s^{1.5} = 1492 H_s^{1.5}$   
Dam will be overtopped before it reaches the stillway.

W.S. El	Hs	Qs $707 H_s^{1.5}$	QD	QD $1492 H_s^{1.5}$	Q Total
98	0	-	0	0	0
99	1	707	0	0	707
99.8	1.8	1707	0	0	1707
100	2	2600	0.2	133	2733
102	4	5656	2.2	4336	10,492
104	6	10,391	4.2	12,756	23,147
106	8	15,996	6.2	22,679	38,675
108	10	22,357	8.2	34,797	57,154
110	12	29,389	10.2	48,276	77,665



## DRAWDOWN COMPUTATION

Normal elevation to start = 98.0

$$\text{Inflow} = \frac{2 \text{ cfs}}{\text{mi}^2} \times 174 = 348 \text{ CFS}$$

4 Nos 20"  $\phi$  Pipe  
A = 8.73 sq ft

Tailwater is assumed 88.0 for the computation purpose.  
 $Q = CA \sqrt{2gH} = .62 \times 8.73 \times \sqrt{H}$   
 $= 43.3 \sqrt{H}$

At max. head outflow = 136 cfs.

$\therefore$  Drawdown is not possible with constant inflow even at 1 cfs/mi<sup>2</sup>

$$A_2 = \left(\frac{h_2}{h_1}\right)^2 A_1 = \left(\frac{h_2}{10}\right)^2 \times 8.2 = .082 h_2^2 \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} A_1 = 8.2 \text{ ac} \\ h_1 = 10 \text{ ft} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{Drawdown time} = \frac{\text{Vol. in AF} \times 43560}{Q \times 3600} = 12.1 \frac{\text{Vol}}{Q} \text{ Hrs.}$$

Res EL. (Ft)	Area (AC)	Avg. Area (AC)	Vol (AF)	Avg. Head (Ft)	Q 43.3√H	Drawdown Time Vol × 12.1 / Q (Hrs)	Cum Time (Hrs)
98	8.2						
		6.7	13.4	9	129.9	1.25	1.25
96	5.2						
		4.1	8.2	7	114.6	.87	2.12
94	3.0						
		2.15	4.3	5	96.8	.54	2.66
92	1.3						
		.815	1.63	3	75.0	.26	2.92
90	.33						
		.165	.33	1	43.3	.09	3.01
88	0						

Time of Drawdown without inflow = 3.01 hrs  $\approx$  3 hrs







PEAK FLOW AND STORAGE (END OF PERIOD) SUMMARY FOR MULTIPLE FLOW-RATIO ECONOMIC COMPUTATIONS  
 FLOWS IN CUBIC FEET PER SECOND (GIVEN METERS PER SECOND)  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES (SQUARE KILOMETERS)

RAVINE, RATED TO FLOOD

OPERATION STATION AREA FLOW RATIO 1  
 1.00

HYDROGRAPH AT RES 174.00 1 40174.  
 ( 450.05) ( 1137.517)

FOR 110 (0) SAN 174.00 1 40249.  
 ( 450.05) ( 1137.517)

SUMMARY OF FLOW SAFETY ANALYSIS

PLAN 1	ELEVATION SURFACE	INITIAL VALUE	SPILLWAY CREST	TOP OF DAM
		28.00	48.00	99.80
			27.	42.
		0.	0.	1207.

RAVINE	MAXIMUM DEPTH OVER DAM	MAXIMUM STORAGE AC-FT	MAXIMUM OUTFLOW CFS	DURATION OVER TOP HOURS	TIME OF FLOOD HOURS
1.00	6.41	275.	4072.	25.00	7.00
	105.21				0.10

FLOOD INFORMATION FACTOR (MULTI)  
 FLOW SAFETY VERSION JULY 1970  
 1001 MODIFICATION 20 JUL 79

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 ( 450.05) ( 1137.517)



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